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SUBJECT: MILITARY SALES TO IRAN-EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
WITH BRITISH

REF: TEHRAN 5240, TEHRAN 5571

1. FCO ME DEPT. HEAD WRIGHT PUT PROPOSAL TO US
FORMALLY ON AUGUST 16, JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON
LEAVE. HE SAID BRITISH RECOGNIZE SPECIAL US POSITION
ON MILITARY TRAINING AND ADVISORY SIDE IN IRAN AND DO
NOT WANT TO CUT ACROSS IT. BRITISH RECOGNIZE IT IM-
PORTANT FOR USG TO KNOW WHAT BRITISH ARE DOING, SUBJECT
TO PROTECTION OF COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. BRITISH
THEREFORE PROPOSE TO INFORM US UPON COMPLETION (SIGNING)
OF COMMERCIAL/MILITARY CONTRACTS, AND WOULD APPRECIATE
SIMILAR US INFORMATION IN EXCHANGE.

2. AS EXAMPLES, WRIGHT CITED CHIEFTAIN TANK CONTRACT
AND RECENT CONTRACT FOR 250 SCORPION CVRT'S (TYPE OF
ARMORED CAR). SCORPION DEAL INVOLVES TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PACKAGE, TO INCLUDE TRAINING TEAM IN IRAN,
AS WAS THE CASE WITH CENTURIONS.

3. SOMEWHAT JOCULARLY WE ASKED IF BRITISH HAD CON-
SIDERED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF
CONTRACT, TO ALLOW US COMMENTS ON APPROPRIATENESS OF
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ITEMS BEING DISCUSSED GIVEN ARMISH TRAINING AND

ADVISORY ROLE. WRIGHT SMILED AND SAID THAT, AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, BRITISH HAD CONCLUDED SUCH PROCEDURE NOT FEASIBLE GIVEN REALITIES OF COMMERCIAL COMPETITION--THOUGH HE WOULD RECONSIDER IF USG THOUGHT THIS FEASIBLE. HE THOUGHT HMG MIGHT COME UNDER CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM FROM BRITISH COMPANIES IF SUCH COMMERCIAL SECRETS WERE TRANSMITTED TO OTHERS.

4. WE SAID WE WOULD REPORT HIS PROPOSAL TO WASHINGTON. WRIGHT ADDED THAT ASST. UNDERSECRETARY PARSONS MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THISSUBJECT, AMONG OTHERS, WITH ASST. SECRETARY SISCO IF PARSONS MEETS WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON THIRD OR FOURTH WEEK OF SEPTEMBER AS PARSONS HOPES.

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